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PERSONNEL DETAILS

DIVISIONAL HEALTH ORGANISATION

Medical Officer of Health:

Divisional Medical Officer and Divisional School Medical Officer:

RONALD G. SMITHSON, M.D., Ch.B. (Hons.), D.P.H.

Assistant County Medical Officer:

M. T. Burton, L.M.S.S.A. Commenced 10th November, 1952.

Part-time Medical Officers at Clinics:

J. Marjorie Brown, M.A. (Hons.), M.B., Ch.B. Left 7th November, 1952.

C. E. Mathieson, M.B., Ch.B. Left 30th April, 1952.

W. Murphy, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Barbara E. Wilson, M.B., Ch.B.

Consultants and Specialists working in Division:

Ear, Nose and Throat:

R. Thomas, B.A., B.M., B.Ch. (Oxon.), D.L.O.

Eye:

L. Wittels, M.D., D.O. (Oxon.). Commenced 1st January, 1952.

Obstetrical:

C. Rutherford Morison, M.A., M.B., C.Chir., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Orthopaedic:

C. H. M. Middleton, M.B., Ch.B.

Paediatric:

L. J. Prosser, M.B., Ch.B.

Tuberculosis:

F. Ridehalgh, M.A., M.B., B.Ch. (Camb.), M.R.C.P.

V. Ryan, M.D., D.P.H.

S. P. Wilson, M.D., D.P.H.

Dental Officers:

Miss R. Sclere, L.D.S.

G. O. Wood, L.D.S.

L. B. Owen, L.D.C.

Speech Therapist:

Miss M. P. Dunkley.

PERSONNEL DETAILS—Continued

NURSING STAFF:

Health Visitors/School Nurses:

Miss G. E. Brigham, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.
Miss I. V. Brigham, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. (Queen's).
Miss J. W. Brigham, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.
Miss Manuel, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert., D.N.
Mrs. E. Marsden, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.
Miss M. Pepper, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert., D.N. Commenced 1st July, 1952.
Miss E. F. Rutledge, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. Left 15th July, 1952.
Miss C. Swift, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

Home Nurse:

Miss L. Evamy, S.R.N., C.M.B. (Queen's).

Home Nurses/Midwives:

Miss E. E. Basher, S.R.N., C.M.B. (Queen's).
Mrs. E. Bithell, S.E.A.N., C.M.B.
Miss V. E. M. Finbow, S.R.N., C.M.B. (Queen's).
Miss C. A. Fox, S.R.N., S.C.M. (Queen's). Commenced February, 1952.
Miss A. Garrett, S.R.N., C.M.B. Left 31st May, 1952.
Miss A. Girdlestone, S.E.A.N., C.M.B.
Miss H. M. Glennie, S.R.N., C.M.B.
Miss A. E. Hickes, S.E.A.N., C.M.B.
Miss E. C. Hodgson, S.R.N., C.M.B. (Queen's).
Mrs. G. Jeffries, S.E.A.N., C.M.B.
Mrs. A. M. Linins, S.R.N., S.C.M. Commenced 3rd November, 1952.
Mrs. E. Linley, S.E.A.N., C.M.B.
Miss M. Murphy, S.E.A.N., C.M.B.
Miss W. E. Payne, S.E.A.N., C.M.B.
Mrs. M. Precious, S.E.A.N., C.M.B. Left 26th March, 1952.
Miss M. E. Watson, S.R.N., C.M.B.

Dental Attendants:

Miss Allathorne.
Miss Dawson.

Physiotherapist:

Miss A. M. Sugden. Left 31st October, 1952.

Orthopaedic Nurse:

Mrs. Andrews. Commenced 1st November, 1952.

Assistant Health Visitor/School Nurse:

Mrs. E. Clark, S.R.N.

Tuberculosis Visitor:

Mrs. E. M. Askam, S.R.N., C.M.B., H.V. Cert. (Queen's).

V.D. Social Worker:

Miss E. M. Senior.

Mental Health:

Miss E. Buck (Social Work).
Miss Moxon (Home Teacher). Left 11th August, 1952.
Miss Leng (Home Teacher). Commenced 11th August, 1952.

CLERICAL STAFF:

Senior Clerk: F. H. Attack.

Mrs. M. P. Gamble. Commenced 1st September, 1952.
Miss S. Graham.
Miss H. M. Johnson. Left October, 1952.
Miss S. Marflitt. Commenced 18th November, 1952.
Mrs. M. Matthews. Left 30th June, 1952.
Mrs. D. M. A. Stephenson.

AMBULANCE SERVICE:

Depot Officer:

T. G. Woodhouse.

PERSONNEL DETAILS—Continued

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S OFFICE

Chief Sanitary Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent:

ERNEST WITHEFORD, R.S.I. and S.I. Exam. Joint Board.

R.S.I. Meat and Food Inspector's Cert.

PETER S. FORBES, R.S.I. and S.I. Exam. Joint Board.

R.S.I. Meat and Food Inspector's Cert.

GEORGE ROEBUCK, R.S.I. and S.I. Exam. Joint Board.

R.S.I. Meat and Food Inspector's Cert. Ass. Inst. P.C.

Commenced 22nd September, 1952.

IAN METCALFE, Junior Assistant and Clerk. Serving in H.M. Forces.

DAVID G. DAY, Junior Assistant and Clerk.

Wetherby House,
WETHERBY.

August, 1953.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Tadcaster Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This, the Annual Report for 1952, is the sixth occasion on which I have had the privilege of presenting this Report.

Statistically, the final figures for the year are in almost all respects closely similar to the figures for 1951.

Comment is made elsewhere in the Report on the sanitary circumstances of the district and reference made to the effect of Circular 54/52 in slowing down the progress the Council would wish to make in the matter especially of sewerage disposal works.

The appointment of a second additional Sanitary Inspector will make it easier for the Department to cope with the work on the district especially in relationship to the heavy commitments at the Sherburn Bacon Factory.

Perhaps the matter of greatest moment to your Medical Officer of Health in his dual capacity, was the effort made by the Council during the year to reverse the decision of the Regional Hospital Board to close Hazlewood Castle Maternity Home. Perusal of previous Annual Reports will show the substantial contribution made by Hazlewood to the Maternity Home needs of mothers in the district. The unsatisfactory administrative set-up under the National Health Service Act for Hospital provision was particularly well illustrated by the fact that such an important decision to the area could be taken without the District Council having an opportunity of expressing an opinion at the appropriate time. In fact it was only by chance that the matter was first brought to the notice of the District Council early in 1952 and it was not surprising your Council thenceforward exerted every effort to convert the responsible bodies for Hospital administration to the view that the closure of Hazlewood Castle was not in the best interests of the district. Towards the end of the year it appeared that the Hospital Management Committee, the Regional Board and the West Riding County Council had been converted to the District Council's view but at the time of writing this Report it is regrettable to have to say that the Minister took upon himself the final decision in this matter and his judgment was not in accordance with the views of the District Council. It will only be possible to see the full effects of the closure of Hazlewood Castle as time goes on but even at the date this Report is being written it does appear that the alternative accommodation suggested will provide less

COMPARABLE VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT
From 1938 to Date

Year (i)	Estimated Population at Mid-year (ii)	Natural Variation		Live Births		Deaths		
		Increase (iii)	Decrease (iv)	Total (v)	Rate per 1,000 Population (vi)	Total (vii)	Rate per 1,000 Population (viii)	Under One Year (ix)
								Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births) (x)
1938	31,840	138	—	481	15.10	343	10.77	22
1939	25,798	53	—	359	13.90	306	11.86	27
1940	23,510	46	—	343	14.50	297	12.63	18
1941	24,040	56	—	347	14.40	291	12.10	10
1942	23,650	188	—	438	14.20	250	10.50	18
1943	20,530	107	—	391	16.60	284	12.00	12
1944	22,610	158	—	432	19.10	274	12.10	20
1945	22,510	160	—	455	20.20	295	13.10	23
1946	20,060	150	—	455	18.90	305	12.70	16
1947	24,550	206	—	488	19.90	282	11.50	21
1948	25,260	187	—	424	16.78	237	9.38	12
1949	25,530	123	—	411	16.10	288	11.28	10
1950	26,850	135	—	407	15.16	272	10.13	10
1951	26,980	101	—	372	13.80	271	10.00	7
1952	26,980	85	—	366	13.60	281	10.40	8

PART I. REPORT AS MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1. GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in Acres	75,833
Population 1931 Census (Present Area)	22,557
Population Registrar General's Estimate Mid-1952 ...	26,980
Number of Inhabited Houses	7,844
Rateable Value 31-3-53	£136,808
Product of 1d. rate 31-3-53	£532/18/11
District Council General Rate 1952-53	10/9
County Council General Rate 1952-53	12/6

2. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

	M.	F.	Total
Live Births: Legitimate	181	176	357
Illegitimate	4	5	9
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Totals	185	181	366

Birth Rate per thousand population 13.6

Stillbirths 13. Rate per thousand total births 34.3

Illegitimate live births represent 2.5 per cent of total births.

Total Deaths from all causes 281.

Crude death rate per thousand population 10.4

Standardised death rate per thousand population 11.4

Number of women dying in or in consequence of child birth was 0

Deaths of Infants under one year:—

All infants per 1,000 live births 21.9

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births (7) ... 19.6

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 51

Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis (all ages) 3

Deaths from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis (all ages) 0

Deaths from Measles (all ages) 0

Deaths from Whooping Cough 0

Deaths from Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea (all ages) 1

TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT
COMPARABLE VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1952
Based on Registrar General's Figures

	Tadcaster Rural District	Aggregate West Riding Rural Districts	West Riding Admin. County	England & Wales (Provi- sional figures)
BIRTH RATE:				
(Per 1,000 estimated population ...	13.6	15.8	15.4	15.3
DEATH RATES:				
(All per 1,000 estimated population)				
All Causes	10.4	9.8	11.5	11.3
Infective and Para. Dis. excl. Tub. but inc. Syph. and other V.D.	—	0.06	0.07	*
Tuberculosis Respiratory	0.11	0.15	0.16	0.21
Tuberculosis Other	—	0.03	0.03	0.03
Cancer	1.89	1.66	1.92	1.99
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	1.04	1.37	1.74	*
Heart and Circulatory	4.60	3.53	4.35	*
Respiratory Diseases	1.00	1.01	1.15	*
Maternal Mortality				
(Deaths of mothers in childbirth per 1,000 live and stillbirths) ...	—	0.57	0.80	0.72
Infant Mortality	21.90	29.8	30.0	27.6

* Figures not available

adequately for the needs of the Tadcaster District than was anticipated.

It is with real gratitude one thanks you, Mr. Chairman, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Health Committee and members of the Council for continued support and encouragement throughout the year. In reviewing the year 1952 one cannot help remembering the passing of the former Chairman of the Public Health Committee, Councillor J. W. Strothard, J.P. Those who worked with him would wish to put on record his constant enthusiasm and sincerity in his public work.

As the Council would expect, we in the Divisional Health Office have had continued assistance from the District Council's Officers and our grateful thanks are hereby acknowledged.

The staff of the Divisional Health Office have worked hard and with enthusiasm during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman,

Your obedient Servant,

RONALD G. SMITHSON,
Medical Officer of Health.

CAUSES OF CIVILIAN DEATHS

Registrar General's Abridged List of Causes of Deaths in the District during 1952

Cause	Number		
	Male	Female	Total
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	1	3
2. Tuberculosis, other	—	—	—
3. Syphilitic disease	—	—	—
4. Diphtheria	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough	—	—	—
6. Meningococcal infections	—	—	—
7. Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	—
8. Measles	—	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	9	3	12
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	9	—	9
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	4	4
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	—	—
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	18	7	25
15. Leukaemia aleukaimia	1	—	1
16. Diabetes	1	1	2
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	14	14	28
18. Coronary disease, angina	30	17	47
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	3	5
20. Other heart diseases	34	32	66
21. Other circulatory disease	4	2	6
22. Influenza	1	—	1
23. Pneumonia	7	8	15
24. Bronchitis	5	2	7
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	2	2	4
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	1	4
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	—	1	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	—	3	3
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	2	—	2
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—	—
31. Congenital malformations	—	1	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	10	10	20
33. Motor vehicle accidents	3	4	7
34. All other accidents	3	3	6
35. Suicide	1	1	2
36. Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—
Totals ...	161	120	281

From the Registrar General's list of causes of death in the District during 1952, it will be seen that the most frequent causes of death, the number of deaths so registered and the corresponding death rates per thousand population were:—

Heart and Circulatory ...	124	deaths equivalent to a death rate of 4.59
Cancer	51	„ „ „ „ „ „ 1.89
Intra Cranial Vascular Lesions	28	„ „ „ „ „ „ 1.04
Pneumonia	15	„ „ „ „ „ „ 0.55
Accidents	13	„ „ „ „ „ „ 0.48
Bronchitis	7	„ „ „ „ „ „ 0.26

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Circular 54/52 from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government put the brake on the desire of the Council to carry out substantial Schemes especially of sewerage disposal works in the area. The Circular gave the Medical Officer of Health the difficult job of deciding whether the public health needs of the areas proposed to be served by the Schemes are in fact urgent in the light of the need for restriction of capital expenditure. It is realised the Ministry's authority to proceed is limited by the amount of money available and on the yard stick understood to mean urgent public health grounds, it is regretted that the Medical Officer of Health has not yet felt justified in issuing the necessary certificate. In consequence work is held up on the Appleton Roebuck Scheme, the Barkston, Saxton and Church Fenton Scheme, and the Barwick and Scholes Scheme. Similarly it would appear that work might be postponed on necessary improvements to the sewerage arrangements for Tadcaster township itself.

It is to be hoped the financial position of the country will improve sufficiently in the near future for the Medical Officer to be relieved of the responsibility of deciding the public health need against a restricted financial background.

Towards the end of 1952 the Council had reason to believe that the Hook Moor Scheme of water supply was likely to be started and in view of the dependance of many parts of the area on this Scheme for adequate supply the advent of works of construction was particularly welcomed.

Progress continued to be made in the construction of Council houses as perusal of the Chief Sanitary Inspector's Report will show. It was good to see the gradual reduction in the number of hutments on the Stourton Grange Camp. At the end of the year eight dwellings remained. Acknowledgment should be paid to the assistance given by the Ministry in persuading neighbouring Authorities to share the responsibility of re-housing the squatters from this Camp. Consequent on the confirmation of the Bowers Row Clearance Order, alternative housing accommodation for the first section was undertaken by the Council during the year.

Completion of public conveniences was welcomed although the financial returns in some cases are hardly commensurate with capital expenditure.

The fact that the Council continues to pursue a policy of direct labour in connection with refuse collection is welcomed and one looks forward to the day of attaining a weekly collection as a public health ideal.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following cases of Infectious Disease were notified during the year:—

Disease	Total	Cases sent to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	43	7	—
Whooping Cough	35	—	—
Poliomyelitis	2	1	—
Measles	136	2	—
Acute Pneumonia	15	—	15
Erysipelas	1	—	—
Food Poisoning	1	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	7	—	—

COMMENTS:

MEASLES AND WHOOPING COUGH

It will be noted that a substantial number of cases of each of these two diseases were reported during 1952. Attention should be drawn to the scheme of inoculation against whooping cough which is now available under the County Council's scheme.

PNEUMONIA

It should not be assumed from the figures given above that every case of acute pneumonia which occurred in the area died. The fact that the number of deaths equals the number of notifications is one result of the failure to notify all cases of acute primary pneumonia which occur.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA

The increased number of cases notified was almost entirely due to the more stringent standard of temperature now required to make a case compulsorily notifiable.

TUBERCULOSIS

The following figures show the state of the register at 31-12-52:—

Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
M.	F.	M.	F.	
32	32	12	12	88

This is a decrease of one case over the figures at 31-12-51.

Analysis of new notifications and deaths from Tuberculosis during year.

CIVILIAN TUBERCULOSIS

Age	New Cases		Deaths	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
0—	—	—	—	—
1—	1	2	—	—
5—	—	—	—	—
15—	2	1	—	—
25—	6	1	1	—
35—	4	—	—	—
45—	2	—	1	1
55—	2	—	2	—
65 and over ...	1	—	—	—

Services Cases: Nil.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION AT 31-12-52

Year of Birth	Year of Immunisation										Totals in Year of Birth	Age at 31.12.52 Years	Total in Age Groups	No. Immunised at age in Col. 12
	Before 1944	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952				
Col. No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1952											17	0-1	800	196
1951										17	144	1-2		1387
1950								25	21	123	214	2-3		551
1949							19	139	154	35	202	3-4		350
1948						18	160	31	8	6	223	4-5	2814	330
1947					11	204	47	10	3	1	276	5-6		423
1946				7	114	66	14	10	6	3	220	6-7		400
1945			21	126	13	30	11	11	18	—	230	7-8		366
1944		47	152	46	3	16	24	17	4	—	309	8-9	2035	307
1943	10	84	44	27	1	31	29	9	1	—	236	9-10		289
1942	131	30	23	16	1	16	20	3	1	1	242	10-11		256
1941	203	20	14	23	2	16	17	1	1	—	297	11-12		246
1940	207	23	16	17	2	12	17	3	—	—	347	12-13		237
1939	230	66	16	5	2	16	8	4	—	—	360	13-14		204
1938	244	56	8	14	3	22	9	4	—	—	336	14-15		75
1937	226	70	8	12	2	10	3	3	2	—	336	15-16		32
1936	232	55	2	8	—	11	5	—	—	—	313	16-17		
1935	195	52	1	3	1	14	2	1	—	—	269	17-18		
1934	185	36	—	4	—	—	1	—	—	—	238	18-19		
1933	174	60	—	5	—	4	—	—	—	—	243	19-20		
1932	160	55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	215	20-21		
1931	159	53	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	212	21-22		
1930	124	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	130	22-23		
1929	53	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	53	23-24		
1928	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	24-25	5649	
Totals	2559	713	305	313	155	498	386	271	255	194	5649		5649	5649

Booster doses were given to 79 children during 1952.

Report as
Divisional Medical Officer
for 1952

CLINIC ARRANGEMENTS IN DIVISION No. 9

(Tadcaster and Wetherby Rural Districts)

Abbreviations: A.N.—Ante-Natal. I.W.—Infant Welfare. E.N.T.—Ear, Nose and Throat. T.B.—Tuberculosis.

TOWNSHIP	LOCATION	PURPOSE	DAY AND TIME
MEDICAL OFFICERS' CLINICS. (Static)			
Bardsey	Trustees' Hall	I.W.	Alternate Mondays, 1-30 p.m.
Barwick-in-Elmet	Methodist Schoolroom	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Tuesdays, 1-30 p.m.
Boston Spa	West End Nursery School	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Wednesdays, 1-30 p.m.
Church Fenton	Methodist Sunday School	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Thursdays, 1-30 p.m.
Church Fenton R.A.F.	R.A.F. Station	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Tuesdays, 1-30 p.m.
Micklefield	Methodist Chapel	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Tuesdays, 1-30 p.m.
Sherburn-in-Elmet	Methodist Sunday School	A.N./I.W.	Every Thursday, 1-30 p.m.
Swillington	Wakefield Road (Hut, nr. Church)	{ Minor Ailment A.N. ... I.W. ...	{ Every Wednesday, 9-30 a.m. Alternate Wednesdays, 10-0 a.m. and Friday, 1-30 p.m. Alternate Tuesdays, 1-30 p.m.
Tadcaster	Multiple Clinic, Leeds Road	{ Minor Ailment Speech Therapy Orthopaedic Treatment Ultra Violet Light	{ Every Tuesday and Thursday, 9-30 a.m. Every Monday, 2-0 p.m. Every Monday and Thursday, 9-30 a.m. (Winter months only).
Tockwith	Methodist Sunday School	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Mondays, 1-30 p.m.
Wetherby	Crossley Street	{ A.N. I.W. Minor Ailment Speech Therapy	{ Alternate Wednesdays, 1-30 p.m. Every Thursday, 1-30 p.m. Every Thursday, 9-30 a.m. Every Tuesday, 2-0 p.m.
MEDICAL OFFICERS' CLINICS. (Mobile)			
Appleton Roebuck	Village Green	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Thursdays, 10-0 a.m.
Copmanthorpe	Lower Green	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Thursdays, 2-0 p.m.
East Keswick	Village Institute	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Fridays, 10-0 a.m.
Huby	Village Institute	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Fridays, 2-0 p.m.
Ledston	Village Institute	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Wednesdays, 10-0 a.m.
Thornor	Village Institute	A.N./I.W.	Alternate Wednesdays, 2-0 p.m.
CONSULTATIVE CLINICS			
Tadcaster	Multiple Clinic, Leeds Road	{ T.B. Ophthalmic E.N.T. Paediatric Orthopaedic	{ 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month, 10-0 a.m. Every alternate Friday, 9-30 a.m. Every 4th Tuesday, 9-30 a.m. 2nd Wednesday each month, 2-0 p.m. 1st Thursday each month, 1-30 p.m.
Wetherby	Crossley Street	Ophthalmic	Every alternate Friday, 1-30 p.m.

PART II. REPORT AS DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER

In previous years District Councillors have expressed appreciation of the information inserted in the Annual Report about County Council activities carried on from the Divisional Health Office and in the light of this response this section is once again inserted from that point of view.

During the greater part of the year we did not have the services of a wholetime Assistant County Medical Officer of Health. This fact made it extremely difficult to keep abreast of all the work coming to the Office and it was only by virtue of the good offices of private practitioners helping part-time in the Clinics that it was possible to keep abreast with the work at all. In November Dr. Burton was appointed to the staff but, owing to the difficulties of settling happily domestically, Dr. Burton applied for a transfer elsewhere shortly after the turn of the year.

The deficiency in the clerical staff, referred to in the last Annual Report, continued throughout the year and, as far as I am aware, no consideration has been given to the appointment of a further member of the staff. It should be emphasised that the constant attempt of a small office staff to cope with work which is acknowledged to justify a further appointment leads to a feeling of disgruntlement almost approaching apathy. It is particularly disappointing that the implementation of clerical establishment in the "C" Divisions of the County compares at little more than 50 per cent., whereas the establishment in other Divisions is in the region of 70 per cent. By the same token, the fact that regrading of members of the staff in some of the Divisions in the County has taken place but not in other accentuates this feeling of discontentment.

Despite the handicaps just referred to it will be noted from the detailed figures given in the remainder of this part of the Report that the amount of work carried out by the staff in the Division is about the same as was reported in 1951. That it is possible to report such results is a credit to the staff of Health Visitors, District Nurse Midwives, clerical staff and home helps.

It is gratifying to be able to feel that once again relationships with peripheral representatives of other Departments of the County Council remain good and it is with particular pleasure one acknowledges the assistance so readily obtainable from the offices of the National Assistance Board and the Ministry of National Insurance who serve the area.

SCHOOL CHILDREN

Routine periodic school medical examinations were carried out on 392 children. 73 re-inspections of defects found at previous examinations were recorded. In the total of 392 children seen

routine 193 items of defect were discovered. 0.5 per cent. of the children seen were estimated below average nutrition.

The School Nurses conducted 15,610 cleanliness examinations during the year and discovered 94 children showing signs of infestation with lice.

The number of cases dealt with at Minor Ailments Clinics in Swillington, Tadcaster and Wetherby totalled 102 in the year.

The following figures relate to dentistry carried out in the Division:—

					Tadcaster Rural	Wetherby Rural	Total
Number of children inspected					1690	4198	5888
Number of children found to require treatment					1334	2362	3696
Number of children offered treatment ...					1129	2098	3227
Number of children treated					724	1326	2050
Number of attendances					917	2476	3393
Number of extractions—							
Temporary teeth					785	1737	2522
Permanent teeth					125	75	200
Number of general anaesthetics					31	10	41
Number of fillings—							
Temporary teeth					63	255	318
Permanent teeth					929	990	1919
Number of other treatments—							
Temporary teeth					16	114	130
Permanent teeth					53	111	164

Consultative clinics operated throughout the year, and the following statistics apply:—

Eye Clinic

299 children were examined, spectacles being prescribed in 131 cases. By arrangements made with the Hospital Management Committees of York and Harrogate we were told that 109 children had obtained glasses prescribed during the year before the year ended.

Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic

95 children attended the Monthly Clinic, and 26 children were referred for operative treatment. 24 of the operations had been carried out by the end of the year.

Paediatric Clinic

32 children made 78 attendances. Dr. Prosser from Harrogate

has attended this clinic regularly throughout the year and we have gained much assistance from him in regard to children living in the area.

Speech Therapy Clinic

50 cases received treatment during the year and 15 cases were still awaiting attention from the Speech Therapist at the year end.

Sunray Clinic

74 cases received treatment.

Mothers and Young Children

Miss Rutledge, who has served this district faithfully in the capacity of Health Visitor since before the Divisional Health Scheme started, was promoted to Superintendent Health Visitor in Harrogate in July, 1952, and took with her our wholehearted good wishes for success in her new appointment. Miss Rutledge was replaced by Miss Pepper and to her we extend a friendly welcome and hope she will get much satisfaction from working in Division 9.

The total number of home visits made by the Health Visitors for all purposes was 17,821.

We understand the Mobile Clinic now being built to County Council specifications is nearing completion and it is hoped Division 9 will have a share of the use of the vehicle when it is delivered.

The Ante-Natal Clinics were attended by 217 expectant mothers on 1,011 occasions. 99 mothers attended 100 times for Post-Natal purposes.

At the Infant Welfare Clinics, a total of 1,030 children below the age of 5 years made 8,568 attendances.

At Hazlewood Castle Maternity Home, 582 babies were born, 296 to mothers from outside the Division. 233 children were born at home in the Division. 164 normal residents here had babies born outside the area.

The total number of premature babies born was 50, of whom 9 were stillbirths. 14 of these premature babies were born at home, and the premature baby unit was used on two occasions. 37 of the 41 premature babies born alive survived over one month.

In parenthesis, it is of interest to note in connection with the 12 years' investigation of premature babies born in 1949, that of 42 premature babies born to mothers normally resident here, five have left the Administrative County (it is known that at least 3 are still surviving) and of the remaining 37, 29 have attained the age of 3 years.

It is of interest to note that 3 mothers were sent to the Brighthouse Ante-Natal Hostel and that 85 domiciliary confinements made use of gas and air analgesia.

Midwifery

Statutory Notices received from Midwives

1. Death of (a) Mother	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(b) Child	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
2. Stillbirths	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
3. Substitution of Artificial Feeding	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
4. Liability to be a source of infection	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
5. Medical Aids issued because of complications arising in/during:—							
(a) Pregnancy	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
(b) Labour	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
(c) Lying-in	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
(d) The Child	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

Home Nursing

Miss Gleemie, the District Nurse-Midwife in the Bishopthorpe area, was absent sick until May, and we are indebted to Miss Garratt for continuing to fill the breach.

Mrs. Precious, the District Nurse-Midwife in Barwick-in-Elmet, retired in March on reaching the age limit. She will be sadly missed, not only for the assiduity with which she carried out her work but also because of the wealth of local knowledge she had accrued during the time she had served in the area. We wish her well in her retirement.

Mrs. Bithell, who serves the area around Church Fenton, had the misfortune to break her leg in August, and she was unable to return to duty by the end of the year.

In February Miss Fox joined the staff as the relief Home Nurse-Midwife in the Wetherby district, and Miss Jeffries joined the staff in a similar capacity in the Tadcaster district in November. We regard both these ladies as distinct acquisitions to the strength, and we hope they will enjoy many years of fruitful work in the area.

The Home Nurses in the Division attended 1,428 cases, necessitating 30,062 visits in the year. 3,303 of these visits were for injections only.

Prevention of Illness (Care and After-Care)

Records were received of vaccination having been performed in 272 cases in the Division during the year. Similarly we were told of 47 re-vaccinations having been carried out.

The scheme for inoculation against whooping cough commenced during the year and is available to any child below the age of four years who has not been in contact with an infectious disease within the previous month or does not suffer from certain allergic conditions. The inoculations consist of three injections at monthly intervals, and the County Council's scheme enables children to be dealt with either by private practitioners or by Medical Officers in the Clinics. At the end of the year we had records of 127 children having completed the course of three injections against whooping cough throughout the Division. Our impression is that more children would have been presented if we had had the material available to carry out the inoculations. That position has now righted itself and it is hoped to be able to report substantially more children having been inoculated against whooping cough during 1953.

The whole-time Tuberculosis Visitor paid 1,434 visits to the homes of her patients, and B.C.G. vaccination, aimed at protecting children in close contact with known cases of tuberculosis, was performed on 13 children living in the Division.

The Divisional Office issued 170 orders for extra nourishment for tuberculous patients during the year, and 27 patients were still receiving this extra allowance on the 31st December, 1952.

In September the Mass Radiography Unit visited the Division and sessions were held in Tadcaster, Thorp Arch and Wetherby. 2,892 persons presented themselves for examination. 75 abnormalities were discovered of which 23 had a tuberculous background.

Mental Health Social Work continued to be conducted by Miss Buck during the year, and at the 31st December, 1952, she had 72 cases under legal or voluntary supervision.

Miss Moxon, who has been the Home Teacher for the mentally handicapped in the area, was transferred to another part of the Riding in August, and we thank her for the service she has given here. We are fortunate in having as her successor Miss Leng, and we hope she will find the work of Division 9 congenial.

Home Help Service

The number of cases supplied with a Home Help, and the reason for the service is as follows:—

1. Illness	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
2. Lying-in	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
3. Expectant Mothers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
4. Aged	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
5. Children of School Age	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
								<hr/> 131 <hr/>

These cases received 22,462 hours' service.

Welfare of the Aged

It is pleasing to be able to report increased interest in the Welfare of the Aged in many parts of the Rural Districts of Tadcaster and Wetherby. Surprising results have been obtained in some of the smaller Parishes, which can act as an object lesson to many of their bigger neighbours. The Medical Officer of Health counts it an honour to be a member of the Executive Committee in each Rural District.

Care of Children—Neglected or Ill-treated in their own homes

The Divisional Committee charged with co-ordinating agencies dealing with the care of children in their own homes meets every two months under the Chairmanship of the Divisional Medical Officer. In all sincerity tribute is paid to the regularity with which members of the Committee attend the Meetings. By means of joint discussion on individual cases aimed at planning concerted action to improve conditions our efforts appear to be bearing fruit.

TADCASTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT of the **CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR** **For the Year 1952**

Council Offices,
TADCASTER.

To: The Rural District Council of Tadcaster.
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

For your information I submit the Annual Report of the work of the Sanitary Department for the year ending 31st December, 1952.

The Tadcaster Rural District, which is the fourth largest Rural District in the Administrative County of the West Riding of Yorkshire, is situated in lower Wharfedale, and is bounded on the eastern side by the River Ouse, and by the River Aire on the western side. The district has contiguous boundaries with the cities of Leeds and York. No changes took place in the district during the year.

Although agriculture predominates, there is an extensive Brewing Industry in the town of Tadcaster, and a substantial portion of the western side of the district is engaged in the mining of coal. Other industries are mainly the manufacture of Weighing Machines, Gas Works Plant, and Motor Bus and Coach Bodies; there is also a large Bacon Factory and considerable Railway Sidings and Junction activity.

Details of the work of the Department will be found in the appended report.

I desire to express my appreciation of the assistance given by the Chairman, Members and Officials of your Council.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ERNEST WITHEFORD,
Chief Sanitary Inspector.

TABLE I

	Area	Census	No. of		Piped	Refuse	
	Acres	1931	Dwell.	R. V.	Water	Coll.	S. D.
Aberford	1580	600	244	3379	207	Yes	Yes
Acaster Malbis	1874	271	69	1330	45	Yes	No
Acaster Selby	1542	83	19	463	12	Yes	Yes
Appleton Roebuck	2194	413	135	1384	113	Yes	Yes
Askham Bryan	2470	320	119	3598	111	Yes	Yes
Askham Richard	982	181	41	831	31	Yes	No
Austhorpe	621	87	68	5938	65	Yes	Yes
Barkston Ash	1168	1236	95	1032	88	Yes	Yes
Barwick-in-Elmet	6768	2251	995	16984	961	Yes	Yes
Biggin	718	132	32	252	13	Yes	No
Bilbrough	1447	212	53	1150	45	Yes	Yes
Bishopthorpe	705	779	398	6569	395	Yes	Yes
Bolton Percy	2334	256	77	1103	72	Yes	No
Catterton	742	41	8	109	8	Yes	No
Colton	1208	114	41	614	33	Yes	Yes
Copmanthorpe	1658	591	241	3175	241	Yes	Yes
East Tadcaster	578	1370	612	8114	612	Yes	Yes
Great and Little Preston	1039	1197	339	3229	339	Yes	Yes
Grimston	888	90	16	533	10	Yes	No
Healaugh	2771	216	62	972	49	Yes	No
Huddleston-w-Newthorpe	1572	139	30	557	8	Yes	No
Kirk Fenton	1977	596	215	2683	200	Yes	Yes
Kirkby Wharfe	1239	130	34	478	25	Yes	No
Lead	1057	48	9	94	1	Yes	No
Little Fenton	781	69	21	235	17	Yes	No
Ledsham	1971	301	74	1159	58	Yes	Yes
Ledston	1985	488	110	2325	98	Yes	Yes
Lotherton	1093	437	92	1457	89	Yes	Yes
Micklefield	1777	1905	547	6348	544	Yes	Yes
Newton Kyme	1373	205	51	1129	43	Yes	No
Oxton	660	41	12	461	10	Yes	Yes
Parlington	1773	162	53	516	33	Yes	Yes
Ryther-cum-Ozendyke ...	2707	271	79	1002	50	Yes	Yes
Saxton-cum-Scarthingwell	2720	267	89	1140	72	Yes	Yes
Sherburn-in-Elmet	4859	1876	830	16754	810	Yes	Yes
South Milford	3100	1265	362	4854	287	Yes	Yes
Steeton	1142	57	12	299	10	Yes	No
Sturton Grange	877	61	8	131	5	Yes	No
Stutton-cum-Hazlewood ...	2795	432	127	1491	86	Yes	No
Swillington	2580	1622	566	9178	559	Yes	Yes
Towton	887	86	28	369	28	Yes	Yes
Ulleskelf	1322	342	120	8202	104	Yes	Yes
West Tadcaster	1500	2317	711	17440	711	Yes	Yes
	75754	22557	7844	139061	7298		

NEW HOUSING PROGRESS—1952

Improved progress in the construction of New Dwellings is reported for 1952 as compared with 1951. During the year 165 New Dwellings were completed, there being only 122 in 1951. During the year 71 Licences were issued for new houses to be erected by Private Enterprise. At the end of the year it was estimated that there were 1,420 applicants on the Council's list for the tenancy of Council Houses.

The following table shows the houses completed and under construction at the end of the year:—

	New Houses Completed		New Houses Under Construction		Conversions and Adaptations
	Council	Private	Council	Private	
Aberford	—	—	16	—	—
Acaster Malbis	4	1	—	—	—
Appleton Roebuck	—	1	—	—	—
Barwick-in-Elmet	16	5	4	26	—
Bishopthorpe	—	2	6	5	2
Copmanthorpe	—	2	4	2	—
East Tadcaster	41	—	14	—	—
Great & Little Preston	—	—	—	1	—
Healaugh	4	—	—	—	—
Kirk Fenton	4	1	—	—	1
Little Fenton	—	—	—	1	—
Micklefield	28	—	58	—	—
Ryther	12	2	—	—	—
Sherburn-in-Elmet	10	2	8	1	—
South Milford	12	—	—	1	—
Stutton	—	1	—	1	1
Swillington	12	—	20	—	1
West Tadcaster	—	—	—	16	—
	143	17	130	54	5

New Dwellings provided	... ..	165
New Dwellings under Construction	... ..	184

HOUSING ACT, 1936

Individual Unfit Houses

During the year 8 houses were represented under Section 11 of the Housing Act as being unfit for human habitation and not being capable of rendered fit at a reasonable cost, as

follows—

Swillington	3	Action taken—pending at end of year
Colton	1	„ Demolition Order made
East Tadeaster ...	1	„ „ „ „
South Milford ...	1	„ „ „ „
Acaster Malbis ...	1	„ „ „ „
Ledsham (Newton)	1	„ „ „ „

In addition to the above and as a result of representations made in the previous year, Demolition Orders were made in respect of 2 Houses in West Tadeaster and 1 in East Tadeaster; also an undertaking was accepted in respect of a house in West Tadeaster.

Slum Clearance

Following the confirmation of the Great & Little Preston (Bowers Row) Clearance Order No. 1, the first 10 Houses were vacated and the tenants re-housed. At the end of the year 8 of these houses (New Street) had been demolished and the other two houses in Hill Street were closed. It was anticipated that the next re-housing would take place in the middle of 1953.

DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The following Parishes are provided with Sewerage and Sewage Disposal facilities:—

*Aberford, Appleton Roebuck, *Askham Bryan, Austhorpe, Barkston Ash, Barwick, Bishopthorpe, Bilbrough, Colton, *Copmanthorpe, East Tadeaster, Great & Little Preston, *Kirk Fenton, Ledston, *Lotherton, *Micklefield, *Parlington, Saxton, *Sherburn-in-Elmet, South Milford, *Swillington, *Towton, West Tadeaster.

* Modern Sewage Disposal Works.

The Parishes of Aberford, Lotherton and Parlington are drained into one works, and the village of Little Preston is drained into the modern works at Swillington. In the Welling-ton Hill and Seacroft areas of the parish of Barwick-in-Elmet the properties are drained into the sewers of the Leeds Corpora-tion as are also a few houses in Austhorpe. Certain properties in the parishes of Great & Little Preston and Swillington are drained into the sewers of the Garforth Urban District Council.

In many of the parishes the facilities for disposal are very inadequate and consist of tank treatment only.

The following details indicate the general position with regard to new schemes for sewerage and sewage disposal:—

Appleton Roebuck, Bolton Percy, and Ulleskelf (one

Scheme prepared by Consulting Engineer). Position—Scheme approved but commencement deferred owing to economic situation.

Barkston Ash, Saxton, and Church Fenton (one Scheme prepared by Consulting Engineer). Position—Scheme approved but commencement deferred owing to economic situation.

Bishopthorpe and Copmanthorpe (one Scheme prepared by Consulting Engineer). Position—Scheme approved but commencement deferred owing to economic situation.

East & West Tadcaster and Stutton (one Scheme prepared by Consulting Engineer). Position—Still at the Ministry of Housing and Local Government at end of year.

Bilbrough—One Scheme prepared by the Council's Engineer and Surveyor. Position—Scheme approved by Minister and commencement expected in 1953.

During the year the Council's Engineer and Surveyor commenced the preparation of the following schemes:—

Barwick—One Scheme to replace the old and inadequate works at Barwick, Scholes and Arthursdale, and to provide for the necessary new sewers.

Ledston Luck—One Scheme to replace the existing inadequate works, and to provide for the necessary new sewers.

Ledsham—One Scheme to provide complete new works and sewers for the village.

It is your Council's wish that other parishes where works are lacking or considered inadequate should be provided with modern sewerage and sewage disposal works' facilities when the time is opportune. These are Acaster Malbis, Askham Richard, Healaugh, Newton Kyme, and Ryther.

In certain parishes when new Housing Schemes have been completed or are in course of construction it has been found necessary to provide temporary arrangements for the disposal of sewage, pending the provision of permanent schemes.

PRIVY CONVERSIONS

The Council's policy to serve Statutory Notices under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936, requiring owners to replace privies and pail closets by water closets was continued during 1952. Under this Section the Council are required to contribute half the cost of the work involved, and the necessary provision is made in the Annual Estimates. Owing to the present very high building costs it is not possible to carry out

as many privy conversions as your Council would wish, but it is pleasing to report that the number of privies and pail closets in the District is steadily being reduced.

In certain cases, however, owners have availed themselves of the Council's grant towards the cost of individual and isolated conversions. At the present time the grant is £10.

Owing to the lack of sewerage and water facilities in certain parts of the District the work of conversion is not being pressed. This is particularly so in the case of Micklegate, where a substantial number of conversions is required but which cannot be commenced until the Hook Moor Water Scheme is completed.

Thirty-eight conversions were carried out during the year as follows:—

Aberford	2
Askham Bryan	4
Barwick-in-Elmet	14
East Tadcaster	1
Great & Little Preston	2
Kirk Fenton	3
South Milford	4
Towton	2
West Tadcaster	6
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WATER SUPPLY

LEEDS CORPORATION

Upland Surface Water

This water is purchased in bulk from the Leeds Corporation and distributed to the following parishes:—

Aberford, Austhorpe, Barkston Ash, Barwick-in-Elmet, Great & Little Preston, Kirk Fenton, Lead, Ledston (Ledston Luck), Little Fenton, Lotherton, Micklegate, Parlington, Saxton, Sherburn-in-Elmet, South Milford, Sturton Grange, and Swillington.

This water is very soft and extremely suitable for domestic use. It is filtered and chlorinated by the Leeds Corporation. During the year 2 Bacteriological and 2 Chemical samples of the water were examined and reported as satisfactory.

TADCASTER PUBLIC SUPPLY

This water is obtained from a deep bore-hole and a deep well at Bilbrough, and is distributed to the following parishes:—

Bilbrough, Catterton, East Tadcaster, Grimston, Healaugh, Kirkby Wharfe, Newton Kyme, Oxtun, Ryther, Steeton, Stutton, Towton, Ulleskelf, and West Tadcaster.

The water in its raw state is rather hard (25 deg.) but is treated by a softening plant to give a figure of hardness of 5 to 8 deg. 22 samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination, 19 being satisfactory and three doubtful or unsatisfactory. Also four samples were submitted to the Public Analyst for chemical examination and proved satisfactory.

In addition to the softening treatment this water is chlorinated.

YORK SUPPLY

River Water

This water is purchased in bulk from the York Waterworks Company and is distributed to the following parishes:—

Acaster Malbis, Acaster Selby, Appleton Roebuck, Askham Bryan, Bolton Percy, Colton, Copmanthorpe. The parish of Bishopthorpe is supplied direct by the Company.

It should be noted, however, that the above parishes with the exception of Acaster Malbis and Bishopthorpe, can be supplied from the Council's supply at Bilbrough.

OTHER PUBLIC SUPPLIES

Twenty-eight houses at Newton in the parish of Ledsham are supplied by water from Pontefract.

During the late war the Air Ministry laid a 9in. main from the Selby U.D.C. supply at Brayton Barff in order to augment the existing supply to Church Fenton Aerodrome and to Sherburn Aerodrome. This 9in. main is divided into two 6in. mains, one to supply the Church Fenton Aerodrome and the other is available for supplying the lower portion of Sherburn. The Council have been permitted to have connections made to various properties on the line of the mains and a number of properties in Sherburn, Biggin and Church Fenton parishes are now connected.

PRIVATE SUPPLIES

Askham Richard

This village is supplied with water from a bore-hole to the eastern side of the village. During the year four samples were submitted for bacteriological examination and all were found to be satisfactory.

This supply is under the control of the Ministry of Works and is chlorinated.

Ledsham

This village is supplied with water derived from springs in the magnesium limestone to the north of the village. Six samples were submitted during the year for bacteriological examination, five being reported as satisfactory and one as unsatisfactory.

Ledston

This village is supplied with water derived from springs in the magnesium limestone to the north of the village. Six samples were submitted for bacteriological examination, five being reported as satisfactory and one as unsatisfactory.

The quantity of water in the springs supplying both Ledsham and Ledston has diminished considerably during the past few years, and this is thought to be due to mining subsidence disturbing the rock strata. Your Council are making preparations for these two villages to be supplied with mains (Leeds) water; Ledsham through the Hook Moor Scheme and Ledston from the existing main at Ledston Luck.

South Milford

There is a private supply to a number of houses owned by the British Railways at Gaseoigne Wood and Milford Junction. One sample from this supply was submitted for bacteriological examination and reported. No complaints of shortage were received following the installation by the Railway Executive of an improved system of pumping during 1951.

PARISHES AND VILLAGES WHERE NO PIPED WATER IS AVAILABLE

Newthorpe

The acute water shortage problem in Newthorpe was still present at the end of the year and the village is still having to depend on drinking water delivered by the County Fire Service. It is expected that during 1953 mains water will be available,

as the new main from Sherburn which is part of the Hook Moor Scheme will reach Newthorpe during the latter half of the year.

Extensions of the Public Supply

During the year the village of Newton Kyme was supplied with mains water. Also the existing mains were extended to Richmondfield Lane, Barwick; Barrowby Lane, Austhorpe; and to the scattered farms in the parish of Ryther.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Organisation

At the end of the year the Direct Labour system covered the whole of the district with the exception of the parishes of Sherburn-in-Elmet and South Milford. It is expected that when the 1952/53 contract for these two parishes expires in August, 1953, these two parishes will also be included in the Direct Labour system.

In addition to the normal service for domestic premises, a weekly collection of refuse is carried out at the aerodromes at Acaster Malbis and Church Fenton. The removal of refuse from the Squatters Camp at Sturton Grange is carried out by arrangement with the Garforth U.D.C. It is expected that this camp will be entirely vacated during 1953.

Collection Period

The period of collection varies according to the type of the district, but generally is from seven to fourteen days. In those parts of the district where coal mining is carried out the dust bins are emptied weekly.

Pail closets are emptied weekly wherever possible, and ashpits from four to eight weeks depending on the location and size.

Transport

At the end of the year your Council owned six vehicles which are engaged on refuse collection, viz.: One Fordson Thames; One Dennis 10 cubic yards, and Four Dennis 7 cubic yards.

Labour

During the year the Department was able to maintain a full and sufficient labour force to carry out this work and no serious difficulties occurred. Your Council have adopted in full the Wages and Service conditions of the Joint Industrial Council, and the number of men now employed on refuse collection is 19.

Disposal

The disposal of refuse is carried out by tipping at various tips throughout the area, and situate as follows:—

Aberford, Barwick-in-Elmet, East Tadcaster, Great Preston, Micklefield, Sherburn-in-Elmet, South Milford, Swillington, and Towton; the tips being in a generally fair condition.

Salvage of Waste Paper

During the year 63 Tons 14 Cwts. of waste paper were sold, which realised the sum of £576 3s. 5d. The price of waste paper fell considerably as compared with the previous year.

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY

The following table shows the position of the Rural Housing Survey at the end of the year, when only the Parishes of Sherburn-in-Elmet and West Tadcaster remain to be surveyed:—

	Categories			Totals
	1 and 2	3	5	
Aberford	90	47	65	202
Acaster Malbis	42	15	7	64
Acaster Selby	14	4	1	19
Appleton Roebuck	109	16	1	126
Askham Bryan	72	21	15	108
Askham Richard	25	15	1	41
Austhorpe	44	10	6	60
Barkston Ash	47	1	21	69
Barwick-in-Elmet	783	128	31	942
Biggin	21	4	7	32
Bilbrough	33	10	7	50
Bishopthorpe	316	37	14	367
Bolton Percy	55	13	3	71
Catterton	5	3	0	8
Colton	26	4	5	35
Copmanthorpe	198	14	14	226
East Tadcaster	364	138	59	561
Great and Little Preston	119	38	195	352
Grimston	7	9	0	16
Healaugh	34	18	6	58
Huddleston-with-Newthorpe	22	7	1	30
Kirk Fenton	139	36	18	193
Kirkby Wharfe	30	3	1	34
Lead	4	5	0	9
Little Fenton	18	3	0	21
Ledsham	20	41	13	74
Ledston	34	68	8	110
Lotherton-cum-Aberford	37	41	17	95
Micklefield	268	216	21	505
Newton Kyme	40	11	0	51
Oxton	6	6	0	12
Parlington	26	27	0	53
Ryther-cum-Ozendyke	43	14	8	65
Saxton-cum-Scarthingwell	57	17	16	90
Sherburn-in-Elmet	—	—	—	—
South Milford	190	145	11	346
Steeton	10	2	0	12
Sturton Grange	3	5	0	8
Stutton-cum-Hazlewood	36	53	23	112
Swillington	467	58	22	547
Towton	9	8	3	20
Ulleskelf	99	9	13	121
West Tadcaster	—	—	—	—
	<hr/> 3962	<hr/> 1320	<hr/> 633	<hr/> 5915

Categories 1 and 2 include houses which are fit in all respects or have minor defects only.

Category 3 includes houses which should be reconditioned at some future date.

Category 5 includes houses which should be considered for demolition at some future date.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION

Sherburn Bacon Factory

During the year your Sanitary Inspectors made 448 visits to the Factory for the purpose of Meat Inspection, and 326½ hours of overtime were worked.

The following is a summary of the number of pigs killed, together with the amount of meat condemned:—

Total number of pigs killed	...	157,078	
Condemned	...	...	298 Whole Carcases
			324 Part Carcases
			9,361 Heads
			4,311 Guts
			6,448 Plucks

The number of pigs killed during the year is substantially higher than that in 1951, and it is understood that the figures are likely to remain at about 3,000 per week at least.

General

Two notifications of Emergency Slaughter were received and the carcasses and organs of two pigs inspected and passed as fit for food.

During the year 21 visits were made to inspect various unsound foods, and the following were found to be unfit for human consumption:—

- 27 lbs. Bacon.
- 8 Stones of Fish.
- 221 Tins and Jars of Miscellaneous Foods.

In two cases following the seizure of unsound food legal proceedings were taken, both cases being successful.

During the year a total of 95 Visits was made to Food Preparing Premises, Bakehouses, Butchers' Shops, Fried Fish Premises, etc., and the general standard of cleanliness was fairly good.

Ice Cream

Thirty-four premises were registered at the end of the year, five of these being manufacturers, and 18 visits were made to the premises. During the year two samples were submitted for bacteriological examination and both were classified as unsatisfactory.

Food Byelaws

Byelaws made by your Council under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, in respect of clean food are now in force throughout the district.

GENERAL SANITATION

Abatement of Nuisances

During the year 8 Statutory and 48 Informal Notices were served requiring the abatement of nuisances. Altogether 51 nuisances were abated, these being chiefly—roof repairs; the remedying of dampness; repairs to floors, gutters, fall-pipes, windows, fireplaces, closets, etc., and the cleansing of blocked drains.

Disinfection, etc.

During the year 8 houses were disinfected following cases of infectious disease, and fourteen houses were disinfected for vermin.

Factories

Eleven visits and inspections were made in respect of the above. The general standard of cleanliness was good and no contraventions were found.

Rodent Control

During the year the Council's Rodent Operative made 347 visits for the purpose of Rodent Control to Council Properties (refuse tips, sewage disposal works and sewerage systems), private properties, farms, etc.

